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## Inmate escapes from ADOC's Elba Work Release

The Alabama Department of Corrections Work Release Center in Elba reported an escaped inmate Sunday night, Feb. 16, when the inmate was discovered to not be in his assigned area during an institutional count at approximately 11:20 p.m.

The search for Dustin Joel Morton, age 33, continued as of press time this week. Morton reportedly was last seen wearing a camouflage jacket, a red and light-colored shirt, blue jeans, and boots.

He is listed as being 5' 10" tall and weighing approximately 150 pounds.

According to Alabama Department of Corrections [ADOC] information, Morton was sentenced in September 2017 after being convicted for obstruction of justice-providing false identification out of Marshall County, Alabama. He was



Dustin Joel Morton

sentenced to 18 months.

The ADOC records further show that Morton had spent time in jail prior to his current conviction, including, in 2010 on charges

receiving stolen property – second degree, unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, and burglary – third degree; and in 2014, on another burglary – third degree charge. These charges also came out of Marshall County.

For the current sentence on obstruction of justice-providing false identification, Morton had a parole consideration date upcoming on June 1st before his escape last weekend.

Anyone with any information regarding the whereabouts of Morton is asked to call the Alabama Department of Corrections at 800-831-8825.

### ELECTION NOTICE:

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## Elba BOE approves recommendation to hire Marc Sieving as head football coach

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba Board of Education meeting held Tuesday evening, Feb. 18, the question of who would be Elba's next football coach was answered.

Superintendent Chris Moseley recommended the employment of Coach Marc Sieving to be a physical education teacher for Elba High School, along with the duties of head football coach and athletic director. Board members confirmed that recommendation with a vote to approve the hire.

Moseley said Sieving, a native of Enterprise, Ala., comes to Elba with 21 years of experience. He said Sieving spent 15 years at Enterprise High School having coached the defensive line for the Wildcats for 8 years. He also coached linebackers for four years spending three of those four years as the defensive coordinator for the Wildcats.

Moseley said an opportunity arose in 2013 for Coach Sieving to take on the position as head coach for the Dauphin Jr. High football team and coach his oldest son, and he took that job. In his six years as the coach for Dauphin, Moseley said Sieving had a record of 46-7.

Coach Sieving has a Bachelor's degree from Troy University in physical education. He and his wife have three children. "The number of phone calls we received were overwhelming in support of 'this is your guy,'" Moseley said Tuesday evening. "I was in the process of calling his references but had references calling me before I could even make a phone call. Then, I kept getting follow-up calls in support of Coach Sieving for the job. It was just overwhelming."

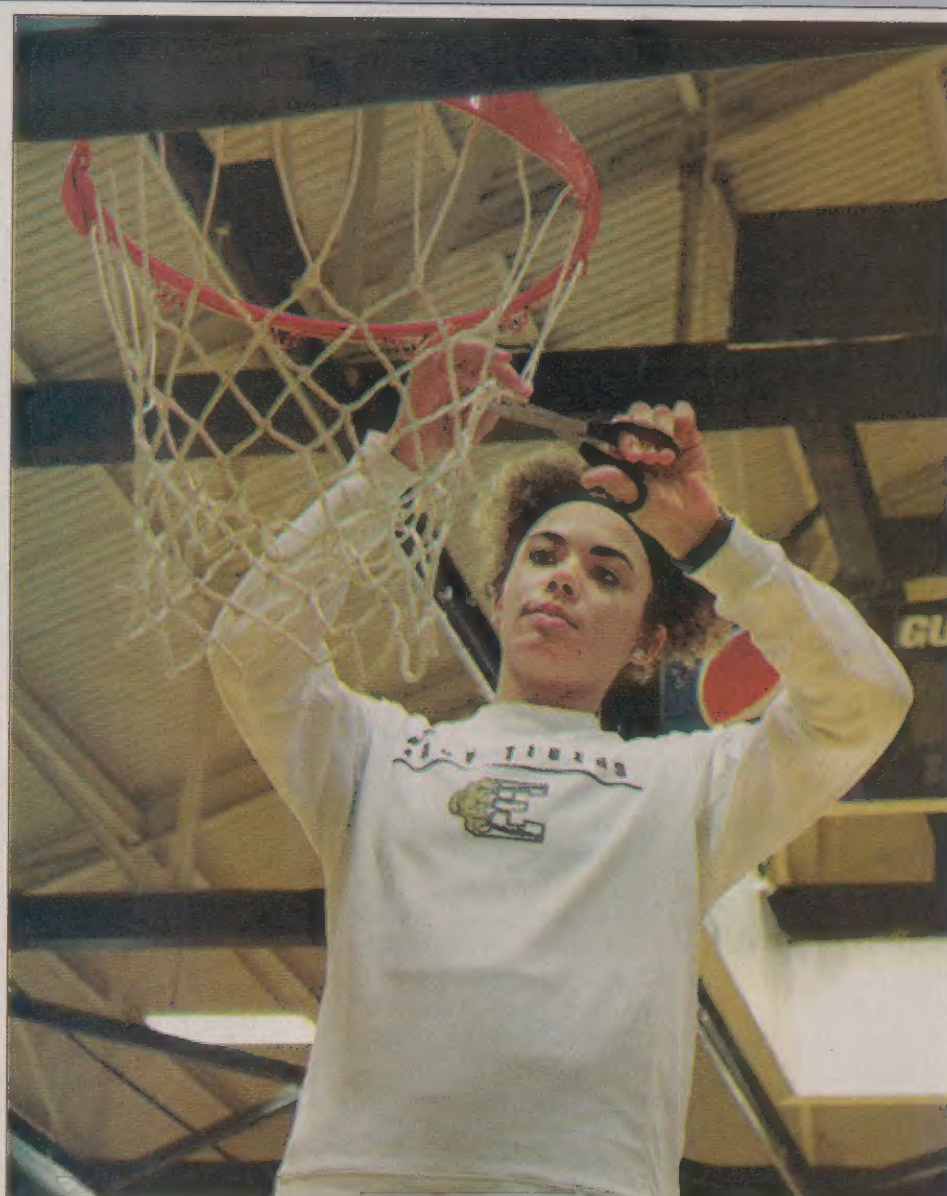


Marc Sieving

Moseley said many of those calls came from very respectable superintendents, coaches and more from all over the state that had direct knowledge of Sieving from ties to Enterprise. He said many of the calls were focused on noting the type of person Sieving is and what he would bring to the classroom and field at Elba.

"We [myself and Elba High School principal Wynn Grimes] just felt like this was what we needed to see here at Elba now," Moseley said. "Sieving's references exposed things about him that I felt were important to us here at Elba – his character, his relationship between teachers and students with an emphasis on teachers pushing student athletes to do their best in the classroom, and more."

Prior to the board's vote to hire Coach Marc Sieving, Moseley confirmed the recommendation of Sieving as physical education teacher, head football coach and athletic director for Elba High School came to him, as superintendent, from high



**CUTTING THE NET...**The Elba Lady Tigers basketball team made history Monday, Feb. 17, in winning the Class 1A Southeast Regional Basketball finals at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, Ala. That win advanced the Lady Tigers to the Final Four of the State Finals next week in Birmingham. Monday's regional championship was a first in school history for the Lady Tigers basketball program. The Lady Tigers now will play their Class 1A Semi-Final game Monday, Feb. 24, at 9 a.m. inside the BJCC's Legacy Arena in Birmingham. Upon returning home Monday night after the regional championship win, the Lady Tigers were met by fans at the Elba High School gymnasium for a victory celebration, during which, the Lady Tigers each took a turn in cutting down one of the nets inside the Elba gym. Above, Jaylyn Baker takes her turn in cutting the net. Baker was named the Regional Finals MVP at the conclusion of Monday's big win for the Lady Tigers. Elba Lady Tigers coach Shaun Hammonds said Monday's historic win was for all Elba Lady Tigers – past, present and future, but he added, "This journey is not over yet!" For more on the Lady Tigers' Regional win, see the Sports section [Pages 7 & 8] of today's paper.

## Elba set to 'get healthy' Saturday, Feb. 22, as recreation department hosts healthy living expo

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The City of Elba's Recreation Department will host a FREE community engagement event, The Magic of Nutrition and Physical Activity - A Healthy Living Expo, Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the square in downtown Elba.

The Elba Recreation De-

partment received a \$30,000 Access to Healthy Foods Grant from the National Parks and Recreation Association and the Walmart Foundation. The goals of the grant were to increase the number of meals served to children during the summer months; adopt HEPA Standards (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity); and implement a Nutrition Curriculum in our programs. Recently, the Elba Rec Department received \$3,333 in additional grant funds to implement an inter-generational event.

"Plans to utilize the additional grant funds include hosting this community event on February 22nd, and to host a 5K Run in the Spring," said Beverly Daniels-Hamilton, Camp EXCEL youth director and grant manager for the Elba Rec Department.

Daniels-Hamilton said Saturday's event will feature lots of free healthy learning activities for all ages, including:

- Kick the Sugar Habit/

Snack Attack – Activity (Anytime Trail Mix)

- Go, Slow and Whoa foods – Activity (Fruit-In-fused water)

- Plan, Shop & Save – Activity (3 Can Chili)

- Let's Taco Bout Adding Veggies - (Make Taco Dip for sampling)

- Smart Shopping for Veggies and Fruit - 10 Tips for affordable vegetables and fruit

- The Ins and Outs of Fruit and Veggies - using our senses to investigate fruit and veggies.

- Commit to Health Newsletter and Recipe Display

- Healthy Plate using the 5 food groups

- Coloring Contest

- Elba Chamber of Commerce Walking Tour

- KPLA Creative Dancers Line Dancing

- National Guard Rock Climbing Wall

- Bouncy Houses and Slides

- AND SO MUCH MORE!

The Elba Public Library, Elba Senior Citizens Center, the Coffeehouse, and the Courthouse Square will be the event locations for the above mentioned activities. Again, there is absolutely no charge to attend and participate in these events, and there will be plenty for all ages to enjoy.

For more information or to participate in the event, contact Daniels-Hamilton at 334-763-0814 or [excelpj@elba.com](mailto:excelpj@elba.com) or Elba Rec director Greg Hanchey at 334-897-6833.

### Registration for youth baseball and softball:

Elba Parks and Recreation has extended registration for youth baseball and softball until Friday, Feb. 28th. This is for children ages 4 - 12.

The cost is \$35 for one child; \$60 for two children; or \$75 for a family with three or more children.

For more information, call the Rec Dept. at (334) 897-6833.

## Area Happenings

**THE 2020 MISS ELBA PAGEANTS** will be held Saturday, Feb. 29, at the Elba High School auditorium beginning at 4 p.m. Queens will be crowned for Future Little Miss Elba, Little Miss Elba, Petite Miss Elba, Young Miss Elba, Teen Miss Elba, Junior Miss Elba, and Miss Elba.

**THE ELBA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be Saturday, March 7, from 6 - 10 a.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens building, located on the square in downtown Elba. The club is seeking a \$5 donation per plate.



**ALABAMA POWER GIVES TO ELBA HIGH SCHOOL...**On Friday, Feb. 14, Brooke Goff and Rolanda Jones, representing Alabama Power, delivered a check in the amount of \$960 to Elba High School principal Wynn Grimes, and that money will be used for classroom supplies. The funds have been dedicated to a science classroom to make lab improvements with additional supplies, such as microscopes, safety goggles, etc. Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley said the school system is very grateful for this donation from Alabama Power, and he said teachers and administrators would inventory the science lab and determine the main needs to best decide exactly how to spend the money. Those pictured above include (from left) Superintendent Chris Moseley, Rolanda Jones, Brooke Goff, and Principal Wynn Grimes.

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## EDITORIAL

### BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed. In this life, we get nothing save by effort."* - Theodore Roosevelt

Over 200 British pubs (bars in Alabama) a month closed last year according to the Monday edition of the British magazine Prospect. People who have spent a lifetime of evenings sitting in these establishments, sipping their favorite alcoholic brew, greeting friends and debating the world's problems are upset over the trend. Of course, they are closing because fewer and fewer of the younger generation are sitting there each day. The cell phone gives them an outlet for the same purpose. Little do they realize that it just is not the same as sitting around a table with your friends and getting the human emotions that include the stress, humor, etc., with the 'text' messages.

Pearl River in Mississippi, Tombigbee River in Clark County, AL., but NOT Pea River! Those first two are causing flood misery for area residents, but our South Alabama Pea River is handling the extra rain like a professional. A publisher friend in West Alabama has been updating folks as the Tombigbee continues on its rampage. At our last update, only a travel trailer had been submerged by the rising river. The fish camps and river front restaurants were watching helplessly as the water level, already out of the riverbanks, keeps creeping closer and closer to their facilities. We feel for all those folks, having experienced it here in Elba more than once.

We have an election here in Alabama in just a few weeks. Our watching politics goes back to those years as a budding teenager. It was probably in the 1952 presidential election that our keen interest in listening to the national Democratic Convention on the radio got us in trouble with mother. She decreed it was time to turn off the radio and go to bed. We begged otherwise but to no avail. But our devious brain plugged in a small radio, pulled it under the bed sheets, kept the volume very low and kept helping count ballots for our favorite candidate. Somehow, as only mothers can do, we got caught at about 1:00 a.m., and it was a long time before this heartbroken child got to listen to any more politics on the radio . . . . . our only source of audio news reports. The small table radio was under mother's bed and off limits on ANY school night and she kept a watchful eye on the console radio in the living room. Oh, and the next morning she made sure we were out of bed and milking those cows before breakfast and catching the school bus at about 7:00. Of course the suspense is not in those conventions today. Basically the decisions are made before the conventions. Those gatherings are just eyewitness for the voters and party time for the delegates.

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A view of the Elba levee this week looking South from the Troy Highway. The area in the foreground of this picture is the area of the levee that broke at daylight resulting in the flood of March 1990. The Elba Clipper photographed and published that levee breaking process in a series of four or five pictures. The last in that series was blurred as the photographer was turning to run from the wall of water that hit the school building seconds later hard enough to destroy a brick wall.

### City of Elba officials keep a close check on Elba's levee each year

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Heavy rains and reports of river flooding in Alabama and across the South upsets Elba citizens who have survived several winter and spring floods in

the past 20 years.

However, this time it is being observed from a distance as Pea River has not risen out of its banks this year, and at this writing on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 18, the water level is actually

dropping, according to the National Weather Service. It was below eight (8) feet at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday. That was down from about twelve (12) feet on Monday.

The river stage reached a peak of about 15.5 feet earlier this month but has continued to drop since that time. The highest recorded flood stage in modern times was 43.50 feet.

After a major upgrade of the Elba levee following the 1990 flooding, City of Elba officials and employees have been on constant alert for any problems with the levee. City crews routinely check (and operate) the flood gates, pumps and visually check the levee itself for signs of possible problems. Then when there are heavy rains in the area, these same crews do another check on the levee and actually operate the two permanently installed pumps to be sure they will work if needed.

Their routine checks include operating the three flood gates, located on U. S. 84 at the Pea River

bridge and on both the Kingston Highway and Caroline Street at the Beaver Dam Creek Cannel crossings. Employees also check the many outlets under the levee that drain normal rainwater but are closed during flooding times.

Each of these drains as a closure on both the inside and outside of the levee. The outside one (on the river side) is held closed by the pressure from the rising waters. The inside gate is closed manually and fastened down.

Workers check to be sure there are no broken limbs or other obstructions to prevent these drains from closing.

The workers also visually check the levee for any signs of erosion or other damage that would compromise the integrity of the massive pile of dirt and concrete.

A complete check of the levee systems was completed last week, and Elba street superintendent Lee Gideon reported that all seemed to be in good operating order.

**Cuzin Lou Lou's  
Tales from Yonder**  
Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's column is meant for entertaining purposes only as she shares her stories.

Cuzin Lou Lou noticed there is a healthy living expo planned for this Saturday in Elba, Alabama and it just so happens that she will be in Elba on Saturday to speak at an event that night for Basin Baptist Church.

So, Lou Lou has decided she will make a day of it in Elba and check out the 'good ideas' the Elba Recreation folks and others will be shelling out in hopes of generating a healthier Elba. Now, Lou Lou will be the first to admit she has some 'not so healthy habits' and while those are pretty hard for her to break [why fix it if it ain't broken is a common motto from Somewhere Over Yonder], she is open to new ideas for healthier living.

She makes no promises, however, that she will follow through with those new ideas, however. Just think back to last week when Lou Lou experienced a healthy shake - that was in no way a good experience for Cuzin Lou Lou! She still cringes when she thinks about it.

The list of offerings for Saturday's healthy living expo in Elba peaks Lou Lou's interest, especially when she reads the work TACO in one of the planned activities.

"Who doesn't get excited when they see the word TACO?!!!" Lou Lou wonders.

Then there are words like shop and save, affordable... It is like someone was reading Lou Lou's mind.

Sister would say that's because Lou Lou is, in a word, CHEAP! But, that bothers Lou Lou not one bit as she views it as frugality rather than cheapness.

Observe this example for instance...

There is a certain BBQ restaurant that Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister frequent. Sister will order a small BBQ plate while Lou Lou orders a small BBQ sandwich plate.

When the food arrives, Lou Lou takes the BBQ meat out of the sandwich and eats her food just as if she had order the plate, same as Sister.

"You could have just order the small plate rather than the sandwich if you were not even going to eat it as a sandwich," Sister observes.

The answer is quite simple to Lou Lou...

"Because, Sister, I got basically the same amount of food as you did, but I paid more than a dollar less!" Lou Lou responds. "Why would I pay more for the same thing when the only difference is they give you light bread instead of a bun? I can eat the bun just the same as a piece of light bread, and I saved money!"

I bet you know what comes next...

Yep! Sister rolls her eyes at Lou Lou and mutters something about only you.

It has happened on numerous occasions but has yet to bother Lou Lou.

So, come Saturday Lou Lou is excited to bring Sister to downtown Elba and check out all the 'new ideas' that may be offered at the healthy living expo, especially if there is a way to "get healthy and save money at the same time!"

Regardless, it sounds like a fun event to attend... Lou Lou shall see, and maybe she will see you there too!

Until next time...God bless and keep smiling!



A view of one of the pumps that is expected to rid the encircled Elba of any flood waters that are accumulating but blocked from natural draining by the high water levels in Pea River.

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Sunday, Feb. 9, and Thursday, Feb. 13, made the following arrests: seven on warrants.

There were three traffic citations and 12 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of Feb. 9th - Feb. 13th.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 9** - Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on Beaver Dam Dr (3:44 a.m.); Officers responded to report of a child in the roadway on Claxton Ave (10:55 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic altercation on Tucker Ave (5:27 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic altercation on Jackson Ave (5:41 p.m.); Officers responded to the area of Pine-dale Dr in reference to someone hearing gunshots (9:42 p.m.).

**MONDAY, FEB. 10** - Officers responded to a loud music complaint on Lee St (10:50 a.m.); Officers met with a complainant in reference to a possible sexual abuse (10:55 a.m.); Officers responded to area of Hwy 203 in reference to dirt bikes riding in the roadway (10:37 p.m.); Officers re-

sponded to a call in reference to harassing communications on Old Samson Rd (11:36 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, FEB. 11** - Officers met with a complainant in area of Hickman Ave in reference to a vehicle struck while in a parking lot (1:04 p.m.); Officers out with a subject with a skateboard in the middle of Simmons St (4:24 p.m.); Officers met with a complainant in area of Collier Circle in reference to a suspicious subject questioning juveniles (5:28 p.m.); Officers responded to the report of a physical altercation in area of Jackson St (5:49 p.m.); Officers responded to a child custody complaint in area of Dr. Roberts Dr (6:32 p.m.); Officers met with a complainant in area of Neil Grantham Dr in reference to a property issue (8:01 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12** - Officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on Hwy 84 (6:19 a.m.); Officers responded to a verbal domestic disturbance at a residence on Parker St (4:14 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, FEB. 13** - Officers responded to an altercation reported on Hwy 203 (10:27 p.m.).

**AUCTION**  
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## Coffee County Arts Alliance bringing Diamond Rio to perform March 10th in Enterprise, Ala.

The Coffee County Arts Alliance and Center Drugs & Home Health will present Diamond Rio in concert Tuesday, March 10, at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

Diamond Rio is an American country music band that plays a hybrid of modern country, traditional bluegrass (especially in the harmony singing), and a hint of rock and roll. Later works are influenced by Christian country and country pop.

Hits include "Norma Jean Riley", "God Only Cries", "Mama Don't Forget to Pray for Me", "Meet in the Middle", "How Your Love Makes Me Feel", "One More Day", and "I Believe".

For tickets or information, visit the website at [www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com](http://www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com) or call (334) 406-2787. Individual tickets purchased in advance are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students; purchased at the event, tickets will be \$35 for adults and \$10 for students.

## A few more scenes from the Elba Lady Tigers region win celebration Monday night at Elba High School...



Elba Lady Tigers head basketball coach Shaun Hammonds made the final cut to bring the net down Monday night in celebration of the Lady Tigers winning the Southeast Region Championship for Class 1A.



The Elba Varsity Cheerleaders led the crowd in a few cheers as the Lady Tigers and fans celebrated.

# Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

### J. L. PARRISH

Mr. J. L. Parrish, age 85, of Tifton, Ga., died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020.

He lived most of his life in Nocatee, Fla. with his wife, Virginia. He worked and retired from the State of Florida as a maintenance supervisor for G. Pierce Wood Hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020, at 1 p.m., at Pleasant Ridge Church in Jack, Ala. with Lester Rachel officiating. Burial followed at Pleasant Ridge Church Cemetery. Sorrells Funeral Home and Crematory of Enterprise was in charge of arrangements.

J.L. was born September 28, 1934 to the late Forrest and Ruth Lott Parrish. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jerome Parrish and sisters, Betty Parrish Bates and Sue Parrish Crawley.

Survivors include his wife: Virginia Parrish, Tifton, Ga.; children: Keith Parrish (Debbie), High Point, NC and Carey Parrish (Carla), Alapaha, Ga.; grandchildren: Brian Parrish, Sarah Parrish, Karen Parrish Somday, Jason Parrish, Matthew Parrish and Jacob Parrish; and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: Pleasant Ridge Church, 977 County Road 239, Jack, AL 36346 or Homestead Hospice, 110 E 10th Street, Suite A, Tifton GA 31794.

### PAMELA MORRIS CRITTENDEN

Mrs. Pamela Morris Crittenden, age 73, of Elba, Ala. died early Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020, at her home surrounded by family.

Pam's life will be celebrated Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020, with a Memorial Service at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Elba Church of Christ, 715 N. Troy Highway, Elba. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Ruth Lee Benevolence Fund at the Elba Church of Christ.

Pam was born June 7, 1946 in Fairbury, Neb., to Grady and Mildred Morris. She soon moved to East Texas where she grew up with her siblings and graduated from Gladewater High School.

In March of 1965, she married Johnny Wayne Crittenden and started a journey that would lead her to Elba, the town they have loved for over 40 years. Pam worked at the Elba Exchange Bank for many

years, then at Williams Signs, and most recently she served for 15 years as the secretary for the Elba Church of Christ.

Pam was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Paul Morris.

Survivors include her husband: John Crittenden, Elba; daughters: Stephanie Parrish (Greg), Auburn, Ala., Cassie Crittenden, Elba; two grandchildren: Woods Parrish and Willow Grace Parrish, both of Auburn; siblings: Pat (Perry) Cowan, Pritchett, Texas, and Phyllis (Jerry) Kennie, White Oak, Texas.

### RICHARD TRAVIS BROWN JR

Mr. Richard "Richie" Travis Brown Jr., age 58, of Phenix City, Ala., died unexpectedly Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020, at Jack Hughston Hospital in Phenix City.

Mr. Brown was born March 18, 1961 in Elba, Ala., son of Richard Travis Brown and Roslyn Brown. He was a member of Cascade Hills Church and was employed by GE Medical for over 25 years.

Memorial services were held Feb. 5, 2020 at Vance Brooks Funeral Home, Phenix City, with Gary Bradshaw officiating.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years: Audrey Rosero Brown; one daughter: Heather Wetzel (Eric); one son: Richard Travis Brown III; his parents: Richard Travis Brown and Roslyn Brown; two brothers: Troy Brown (Anne), and Scott Brown; one grandson: Michael Colton Brown; one sister-in-law: Elsa Bradshaw (Charles); one brother-in-law: Enrique Rosero (Rosy); and numerous nieces, nephews, and close family friends.

### LARRY JUNIOR SUTLEY

Mr. Larry Junior Sutley, age 65, a resident of Enterprise, Ala., and former resident of Elba, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2020, at his home.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, from the Chapel of Hayes

Funeral Home in Elba beginning at 11 a.m. with Edwin Roberts and Ryan Leverett officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday evening, Feb. 20, from 5-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested contributions be made to Christian Mission New Life Center, Enterprise, AL C/O 818 Autumn Ridge Road Montgomery, AL 36117.

Survivors include his daughters: Lauren Sutley (Aaron Harrelson), Montgomery, Ala., Leanna S. (Ryan) Leverett, Jack, Ala.; son: Lance (Katherine) Sutley, Enterprise; brothers: Kenneth Sutley, Samson, Ala., Wayne Sutley and David Sutley, both of Elba; sister: Cathy Simmons, Elba; grandsons: Parker Sutley, Montgomery, Thomas Sutley, Enterprise; granddaughters: Hadley Sutley, Montgomery, Rylee Leverett and Madelyn Leverett, both of Jack, and Dakota Sutley, Enterprise.

### News Brief:

The Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested Guy Anderson, age 32, of Elba on multiple charges Friday, Feb. 14th.

Anderson was arrested on charges of theft of property - fourth degree [\$1,000 bond]; domestic violence - 3rd degree [\$5,000 bond]; domestic violence - second degree [\$25,000 bond]; burglary - third degree [\$5,000 bond]; and burglary - second degree [\$25,000 bond].

Coffee County officials said Anderson was placed in the Coffee County Jail following his arrest, where jail records show he remained as of press time this week.

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### Helping Children Cope with the Death of a Parent

It is sometimes said that the saddest thing in the world is when a parent outlives their children. This may be true, but it can nevertheless be devastating for kids to lose their mom or dad, especially when it happens at a young age.

One way to help children who have experienced the loss of a parent is to provide them with continuity. Death can seem world-ending, so show the child that many things will carry on as normal—including school, friendship, and other activities.

Kids who have lost a parent will often want to share their story, and the best way to help them is to listen. Children may also have tough questions about death. Challenging though it may be, it's important to answer directly and without euphemism. Telling them their mom or dad has "gone to sleep" or has simply "left us" may be confusing. Also note that kids will always set the pace for how they process grief, and it's important not to push them; if it seems like they are not yet ready to talk, just give them some time.

One important thing to do for a child who is grieving is to help them remember. You can provide a child with photos or mementos with which they can remember their deceased mom or dad. Also be willing to share memories and to talk about their parent with fondness and affection.

Finally, note that the loss of a parent can be truly scary, and children will want to be reassured. Be open with them about who will look after them going forward, and make sure they feel secure about their own health and wellbeing.

*If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at [hayesh@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayesh@hayesfuneralhome.net)*

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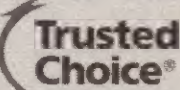
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# CHURCH NEWS

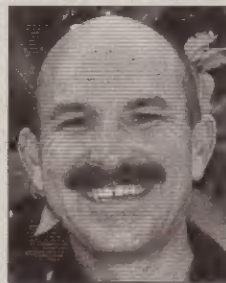
## First Baptist Church Elba invites all to Sunday, Feb. 23, service as Mark Witt [Following Our Father Ministry] shares his story

First Baptist Church Elba will host guest speaker Mark Witt on Sunday, Feb. 23, during the 10 a.m. service.

Authors of the gospel tract, "Mistaken Identity,"

brothers Mark and Dan Witt launched Following Our Father Ministry after a December 2011 Field and Stream award winning article "Following Our Father" told the story of

Walter Witt's tragic death during a December 1974 hunting trip with his sons. The story, about the heartbreaking hunting accident, also tells how it impacted the lives of both Mark and Dan but also started them on their



Mark Witt

Walter Witt was a science teacher, track coach, Sunday school teacher, deacon, lay minister, and on the morning of his death, while hunting with his sons, he was preparing a sermon entitled "Will You Be There?" when a careless mistake by an anxious hunter took his life. He was 38-years-old.

Mark, now a full-time

evangelist who speaks at United States and Canada, was 12-years-old on the day his father was killed. On Sunday, at 10 a.m., he will share his story at First Baptist Church Elba.

Both Mark and Dan Witt say, "Ultimately God used this tragedy and opportunities to share their story, faith, forgiveness and the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

All are welcome to attend this special service at First Baptist Church Elba. For more information about the Witt brothers' ministry, visit the website: [www.followingourfather.com](http://www.followingourfather.com)

Family and Friends Day set for Sunday at Brantley's Greater St. Matthew AME Church

The church is located at 365 East Mill Ave., Brantley.

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## Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Eternal Reign of the Lord. Psalm 93: 1-5

Thinking of You! Praying for You. Dea. J.L. Williams, Sis. Estella Williams, Min. Robert Edwards, Myron K. Duncan, Dea. James Williams, Rose Coleman, Beatrice Belcher, Julia Glasco, Katie Hamilton, Nunnie M. Kelley, Nicole Duncan, Mit-tie B. Edwards, Rogers/Walker Families

Birthdays / Anniversaries Gracie Andrews Williams 2/22 (in memory)

Grady Blue II 2/22 (in memory)

Laura Davis Lyle 2/22

Cassandra Dubose Bullard 2/24

Sterl Jones 2/25

\*\* Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 501 Friendship Street, Enterprise, Ala., invites all to the Pastor's Aide Anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3 p.m.

The anniversary message will be by Dr. Patrick J. Gilley Sr., pastor of St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, Donalsonville, Ga.

\*\* St. Mark Baptist Church, Glenwood, Ala., invites all to the Pastor Appreciation Day set for Sunday, March 1, at 1:30 p.m. Pastor is Ronald (Tracey) Owens and this will be the Pastor's 10th Appreciation Program.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Charlie Sankey Jr., pastor of Rockwest Missionary Baptist Church, Goshen, Ala.

\*\* Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Ala., will host the 2020 ...Nevertheless... Women's Conference on Saturday, March 14, at 10 a.m. with guest speaker Stephanie Williams Mooror. The church is located at 3731 Hwy. 125, Elba.

\*\* Black History Celebration (Part 2) Life of the Late Benjamin E. Mays (1895-1984) Born on August 1, 1895, Dr. Mays was a native of Epworth, South Carolina and

grew up as the last of seven children of ex-slaves and semi-literate farmers. Stunned by the assertion that blacks were intellectually inferior to whites, he was determined to destroy this myth. After a year at Virginia Union University, he was able to enter Bates College in Maine, where he graduated in 1920.

In 1925, he entered the University of Chicago where he earned a Master's degree and later a Ph.D. In 1934, Dr. Mays joined Howard University as Dean of its School of Religion, and in 1940, he was named the President of Morehouse College.

During his presidency, the college came to be dubbed the "Black Oxford of the South" spawning a disproportionate share of black doctors, lawyers, PhD's, college presidents, teachers, and activists.

Two years after his retirement, at the age of 67, Dr. Mays became the first black president of the Atlanta Board of Education, and at the age of 83, he was elected to his third term.

\*\*sources: Adams, Russell L. Great negroes past and present Afro-American Publishing Co. 1984; Bennett Jr. Lerone: The Last of the Great Schoolmasters" Ebony, October 1994.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 2/13/2020 True or False Q: Jeremiah was a Prophet? A: True [read Jeremiah 25: 2]

Q: God promised that the land of Judah would stay in captivity forever? A: False [read Jeremiah 31: 23]

Questions for the Week of 2/20/2020 Multiple Choice Q: In the midst of wrath, what did Habakkuk ask God to remember? (justice), (mercy), (rain)

Q: Which part of Habakkuk's body quivered? (heart), (hands), (lips) Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

## Pastor's Corner

MINISTER PHILIP BOX  
ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

### So You Want A King

The Jews should have considered what was at stake before they asked for a king. Samuel was the last and one of the greatest of the "Judges in Israel." When Samuel was old, he appointed his sons as judges in Israel. Sadly, these men were vile and corrupt. "His sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment." (1 Samuel 8:1-3) The people were so disappointed with Samuel's sons that they asked him to appoint a king over the nation. (1 Samuel 8:4-5) This request was a grief to the heart of Samuel (1 Samuel 8:6-9) they should have considered what was at stake.

God instructed Samuel to tell the people what their King would do to them. (1 Samuel 8:10-18) Israel's request to have a king was not a good thing because it was the rejection of God. They should have considered what was at stake.

Saul was God's first choice to be King. At first, he was a humble leader, but sadly Saul made many mistakes as King. David was a very unlikely choice to be King, but God selected him as the second King. During much of the time that David was King, Israel was involved in wars. Solomon, the son of David by Bathsheba, was the third King in Israel. Solomon did not use his great wisdom to serve God. After that more kings and more problems. They should have considered what was at stake.

Considering what is at stake, has God asked too much of us by asking us to stay faithful? "Well done good and faithful servant" are some of the most encouraging words in the Bible. Only those who do the will of the Father have the right to the tree of life. (Revelation 14:13) The faithful will receive the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10) Consider what is at stake and stay faithful.

Considering what is at stake, has God asked too much of us by asking us to worship in spirit and in truth? Jesus said, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24) On every Sunday each Christian must pray (1 Thessalonians 5:18), give (1 Corinthians 16:2), study God's word (Acts 2:42), sing (Ephesians 5:19), and take the Lord's Supper. (Acts 20:7) Consider what is at stake and worship God in spirit and in truth each Lord's day.

Considering what is at stake, has God asked too much of us by asking us to obey the gospel? To become a Christian, you must faithfully obey God's plan. The Bible says, "Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized." (Acts 18:8) Consider what is at stake and obey the gospel today! There is urgency in your gospel obedience, "Now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2)

God has not asked too much of us because the salvation of our soul is at stake.

## NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH 3819 COUNTY ROAD 330 ELBA, AL 36323

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.  
MORNING SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.  
SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY EVENING - 7:00 P.M.  
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## Church Directory

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LIFE AND THE  
LIGHT OF MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE  
COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Rocky Pearce, Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE  
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.  
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHLE AME CHURCH  
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Greg Catter, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train ... 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Tom Senn, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METH-  
ODIST  
Rev. Remonia Smith  
Church Service ... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE  
CHURCH  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY  
CHURCH  
Diana White, Pastor  
Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship ... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) ... 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH  
Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH  
Dale Morgan, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH  
Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Phillip Box, Minister  
Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD  
David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD  
OF PROPHECY  
H.L. Buckner, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night ... 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE  
TABERNACLE  
Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH  
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHOD-  
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Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 9:45 a.m.  
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH  
Lovell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE  
CHURCH OF GOD IN  
CHRIST  
Timothy Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH  
Garry Winstead, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL  
COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Phillip Adcock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning ... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD -  
KINSTON  
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS  
CHURCH  
Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE  
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH  
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry  
Sat. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. Service ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH  
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
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Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

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Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
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Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor  
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Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting ... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH  
Garry Winstead, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Matthew Morris, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH  
Ben Posey, Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH  
Derrick Stinson, Pastor  
Saturday Service ... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Service ... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF  
CHRIST  
Greg Hanchey, Minister  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.



## LIFESTYLES

### 2nd Annual Spring Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show zooming March 21st into Elba

The 2nd Annual Spring Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show is set for Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the square in downtown Elba and is presented by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers.

Car registration will be from 8-10 a.m. There is a \$20 fee to enter the car show, and all proceeds will benefit the Elba Public Library.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners

of the car show – all makes and models of cars and trucks welcome!

There also will be arts and crafts exhibits on the square during the event.

For more information on the car show, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505. For more information regard arts and crafts exhibits, contact Larry Goodson at (334) 464-1613.

There is no admission charge to attend.

### Astronomy Night set for Feb. 21st at Landmark Park

Join Landmark Park for an evening of stargazing on Friday, Feb. 21, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Astronomy Night is an exciting and informative program that gives visitors a view of several stars and planets through telescopes and binoculars on the gazebo lawn. Staff members will help point out winter constellations, and visitors will get the chance to experience a starry hayride and campfire. Nightwalks

will take place on the boardwalk.

Warm up in the Interpretive Center after stargazing and enjoy snacks, a movie about Planets, and a program in the planetarium. Planetarium programs are not recommended for children under 5.

Scouts are welcome, and Astronomy Night meets several requirements for the

Astronomy Badge.

Admission is \$5 members, \$6 for scouts and their leaders in uniform and \$8 for nonmembers. Free for children 5 and under. Reservations and prepayment are required for this Astronomy Night. Space is limited.

Visit [www.landmarkpark-dothan.com](http://www.landmarkpark-dothan.com) to register and pay.



Local Woodmen Life marketing representative Linda Westbrook received the Alabama South Yellowhammers 2019 Top Hat award for the Alabama South Region during an awards banquet held Jan. 25th. She received the award as a top sales performer for the region. Pictured above with Westbrook (shown holder her award) is Mike Hutto, Woodmen Life state manager; Chip Westbrook, Linda's husband; and Charles Windham, Woodmen Life area manager.

### Local students make Dean's, President's Lists for Fall term at University of Alabama

A total of 12,050 students enrolled during the 2019 fall semester at The University of Alabama were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

The following local students made the list:

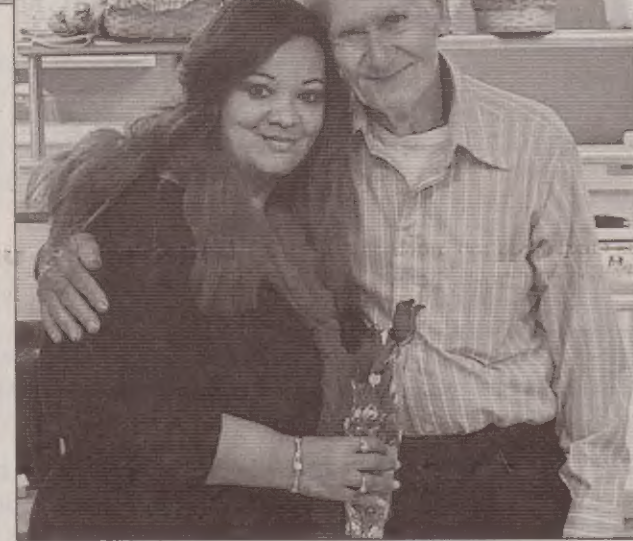
**Dean's List** – Anna I Jackson and Austin L McWaters, both of Elba; Brooklyn T Gillis and Alison P Glass, both of Kinston; and Cheyenne G Adkinson of New Brockton.

**President's List** – Caroline V Hataway of Kinston; and Andy J Garcia of New Brockton.

**Lifestyles  
News is  
Due on  
Monday!**



Mr. Joseph Willis (pictured above in center of the ladies) presented each lady at the center with a rose and other Valentine's gifts. Mr. Joseph also presented center director Conzuella Banks with a rose and mirror (pictured at right)! The ladies thank Mr. Joseph for his gift of love and continued friendship.



Mr. James Moultrey shows off the gift he won at the Feb. 4th bingo event in Enterprise.

### Extension service bringing Alabama Watershed Stewards workshop to Enterprise on March 19

The Coffee County Extension Office announces registration for an Alabama Watershed Stewards One-Day Workshop set for Thursday, March 19, in Enterprise, Ala.

The workshop will be held at the Enterprise Farmers Market, 25 North Main Street, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The cost is \$25, which includes a handbook and lunch. This workshop is approved for 0.6 CEU's from Auburn University.

The workshop will be a science-based educational overview of watershed systems and water quality protection tips. Also, attendees will connect to resources in their area and discover roles in local water projects.

For more information on the Alabama Watershed Stewards program, visit [www.aces.edu/aws](http://www.aces.edu/aws). Statewide partners for this upcoming workshop include the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama Water Watch, AU Water Resources Center, and Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

To register, visit <https://www.aub.ie/AWS>. For any questions, contact Laura Bell, extension water program coordinator, by email at [stewards@auburn.edu](mailto:stewards@auburn.edu).

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### NOTICE:

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 1:30 p.m., the voting machines to be used in the March 3rd Primary Election will be tested. The voting machine check will be conducted at the Farm Center Building at the Coffee County Complex, Hwy 84W, New Brockton.

The test is open to the general public.

This testing is pursuant to §17-7-25 Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended.

For further information contact: Judge of Probate Enterprise office – 347-2688 or Elba office – 897-2211 or

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### New Hope seniors fellowship with others at recent event

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, the seniors from the New Hope Senior Citizens Center enjoyed bingo, food and fellowship at Hillcrest Baptist Church.

This is an annual event sponsored by the Fort Rucker Community and Spouses Club, and several of the New Hope seniors won prizes.

Center director Conzuella Banks said, "We look forward to this event every year!"

Seniors from all over Coffee County attended the event and enjoyed the fellowship and fun!

### ESCC Foundation Board approves \$12,500 dual enrollment grant fund

With dual enrollment students making up a large portion of enrollment at Enterprise State Community College, the ESCC Foundation Board recently approved the creation of a new dual enrollment grant fund program.

"The ESCC Foundation continually seeks new ways to support the students of Enterprise State through providing financial support relevant to the current needs of those students," President of the ESCC Foundation Chad Meeks said. "As such, the Foundation Board of Directors recently recognized a need to provide grant funding for dual enrollment students."

He continued, "We are pleased to provide \$12,500 to establish grants that will allow high school students the opportunity to attend classes at the college while also meeting their current

high school requirements. We consider this a great opportunity to support this growing student segment at ESCC."

For the Spring 2020 semester alone, ESCC had 465 students enrolled in dual enrollment classes. Of those students, approximately 65 percent are enrolled in a Career and Technical Education program, which are funded by the State of Alabama through Career and Technical Education Dual Enrollment (CTEDE) Scholarships. Approximately 35 percent of ESCC dual enrollment students are only enrolled in general academic classes, but there are no state funds available for these students. The board approved the \$12,500 grant funds for high school students who want to advance their academic studies.

These funds are available

for high school students throughout ESCC's service area. Students who receive grant funds will be chosen by the high school counselors and/or principals. Students are encouraged to reach out to their counselors for eligibility requirements.

Each grant will be used for one course in either the fall or spring semester. The cost of books is not included in the grant. Students may reapply for the grant each year as long as he or she remains in high school and maintains the necessary requirements.

Dual enrollment is a program that offers high school students the opportunity to take college courses while receiving both college and high school credit, according to Instructional Re-

sources and Community Education Director Ann Kelley-Spence.

"With the new grant money from our Foundation, it gives more high school students the opportunity to get a jump start on their college education," she said. "The best part of taking a college academic class is you are getting both college and high school credit. One three-credit-hour college class is equal to one high school Carnegie credit; it is one to one."

Students planning to transfer to a public university in Alabama can use the STARS Guide to ensure all courses will transfer.

For more information on dual enrollment, contact Ann Kelley-Spence at [akelley@escc.edu](mailto:akelley@escc.edu) or call (334) 347-2623 ext. 2208.

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### The City of Elba is now accepting applications for the position of Van Driver for the Senior Citizens Center

**Opening Date:** Immediately.**Closing Date:** February 24, 2020

This is a part time position.

**Job Summary:** This position involves the transportation of elderly clients to and from the center. This individual will also assist with the distribution and serving of meals provided by the nutrition program. Additionally, this person will assist with the physical appearance and condition of the Center as requested.**Qualifications:** Must have a valid Alabama Driver's license and a clear MVR. Must be able to pass a background check. Desire experience working with the elderly.**Applications are available at City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL** or online at [www.elbaalabama.net/job-opportunities](http://www.elbaalabama.net/job-opportunities). All applications should be submitted to Elba City Hall or may be emailed to [info@elbaal.gov](mailto:info@elbaal.gov) with the subject line "Van Driver."

EOE

### PUBLIC NOTICE: The City of Elba is now accepting applications for the position of Utility Billing Clerk

The ideal candidate should be knowledgeable of modern office practices and procedures, proficient on personal computers and associated software applications, high school diploma or equivalent. This position requires the individual to be bonded.

**Opening Date:** Immediately.**Closing Date:** Monday, March 2, 2020, 5:00 p.m.**Salary:** Commensurate with experience.

#### Benefits:

The City of Elba offers BCBS Health and Dental Insurance; State Retirement; paid vacation, sick time and holidays.

**Applications are available at City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL** or online at [www.elbaalabama.net/job-opportunities](http://www.elbaalabama.net/job-opportunities). All applications should be submitted to Elba City Hall or may be emailed to [info@elbaal.gov](mailto:info@elbaal.gov) with the subject line "Utility Billing Clerk."

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section §17-6-4(b), Code of Alabama, 1975, I, Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate of Coffee, Alabama hereby gives notice of the change to the voting place therein as set out below. This notice outlines a designation of a new voting precinct in Coffee County via prior resolution of the Coffee County Commission, dated February 10, 2020.

Precinct District 3 Elba Recreation Center is relocated to Elba Church of Christ, 715 N. Troy Highway, Elba, by designation of the Coffee County Commission.

The Sheriff of Coffee County, Alabama shall post a copy of this notice at each courthouse and at two public places within each election district.

Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020./s/ Steven E. Blair  
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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You are hereby notified that a Complaint has been filed in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama (Elba Division) against you and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same within (30) days of the last publication, which will be the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, or thereafter a default may be rendered against you. This the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020./s/ Amy L. Reeves  
Amy Reeves, Circuit Clerk  
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### LAWN CARE BIDS CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED AT THE ELBA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Please contact us for bid specifications.  
Bid opening to be held Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the Elba Housing Authority Office.1207 North Claxton Avenue • Elba, AL 36323  
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### Youth wildlife day set for Feb. 29th at Landmark Park in Dothan, Ala.

Join Landmark Park in Dothan for a day of outdoor family fun as it host Youth Wildlife Day on Saturday, Feb. 29!

Learn about conservation, wildlife and win prizes. Enjoy a live animal meet and greet, youth BB gun shooting range, fish casting practice, youth archery range, "Skins and Skulls" demo, reptile presentation

and inflatable jump house.

This event will be held at the Stokes Activity Barn on February 29 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is free for park members and ages 15 and under and \$4 for adults.

Youth Wildlife Day is sponsored by National Wild Turkey Federation, Michelin and Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

**LBW Community College in Opp** recently welcomed area high school seniors to the MacArthur Campus for College 101, a program designed to help in the process of deciding the next step in their educational career. While on campus they met advisors and faculty, learned about financial aid and how to get involved on campus, and rotated through sessions presented by career technical faculty. Pictured from Brantley High School are, from left, Blake Carlisle, Tyekiah Taylor, Zyquan Brockton, Za Burnett, and Justin Stough.

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## SPORTS NEWS

Views From  
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**I promised our grandson Lawson** that we would have a 'mans day' out one weekend soon, and he has already said that he wants to play putt-putt golf, go to Chuck 'E Cheese or maybe even go to Dave and Busters. It has been a while since my little man and I have had a chance to get out on our own. So, we may just try to do it all!

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* **There is an old saying in basketball** that teams that live by the three die by the three, and while the Elba Lady Tigers were definitely on life support last week after hitting only 3 of 24 three-pointers in the first three quarters of their region game against fifth-ranked Loachapoka, they went to Plan B in the final stanza and connected on 4 of 5 shots inside and added 5 of 8 free throws to upset the Lady Indians, Thursday afternoon at the Class 1A, Southeast Region Basketball Tournament, at Montgomery's Garrett Coliseum.

Elba missed six three-pointers in the game's first three minutes and connected on only one of 11 treys in the opening quarter, but caused nine Loachapoka turnovers and hit 5 of 8 free throws to grab a 12-11 lead. The Lady Tigers trailed 6-1 with 5:07 left in the quarter, but a lay up by Melissa Williams and a 3-pointer by Freeda Hooks pulled Elba even at 6-6, and Nina Williams hit two free throws late to help the Lady Tigers grab the slim one-point lead.

Loachapoka regained the lead at 15-12 early in the second quarter, but Nina Williams hit two 3-pointers in the game's next minute of play to put the Lady Tigers back on top 18-17, and their lead grew to 20-17 with 3:38 left on a basket by Freeda Hooks. Elba failed to score again over the final three minutes of the half; however, and at intermission the Lady Tigers trailed 24-20.

The third quarter wasn't a thing of beauty for either team as the two region rivals both scored only four points, combined to hit only 4 of 19 shots from the floor, and combined to commit 10 turnovers as Loachapoka carried a 28-24 lead into the final stanza. A short jumper by Breanna Sanders and two free throws by Jaylyn Baker pulled Elba even at 28-28 with 6:30 remaining in the fourth quarter, while the Lady Indians went back on top 32-30 with 5:26 left. Elba cut the lead to 32-31 with 4:38 remaining on a free throw by Nina Williams, and went on top 33-32 with 4:27 left on a

baseline jumper by Melissa Williams. Nina Williams scored from inside after a pass from Freeda Hooks and added a free throw to push the Lady Tigers lead to 36-32 with 1:56 still left, and Elba's Breanna Sanders hit two late free throws to give the Lady Tigers their final points in the wild 38-32 win.

Nina Williams scored 12 pints to lead Elba, while Jaylyn Baker added 7 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, Freeda Hooks added 7 points and passed out 4 assists, Melissa Williams added 6 points and grabbed 8 rebounds, and Breanna Sanders added 6 points, had 5 rebounds and 5 steals.

**Elba (38):** Baker 7, N. Williams 12, M. Williams 6, Sanders 6, Hooks 7.

**Loachapoka (32):** Murph 9, Calloway 5, Richards 6, Murphy 2, Clemons 6, Puliam 4.

## At S'east region

## Lady Tigers upset Loachapoka 38-32



Elba Lady Tiger head coach Shaun Hammonds and Lady Tiger Maggie Hammonds celebrate as the final seconds tick off in last week's 38-32 region win over Loachapoka, at the Southeast Region tournament, in Montgomery.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Elba Lady Tiger head coach Shaun Hammonds and Lady Tiger Maggie Hammonds celebrate as the final seconds tick off in last week's 38-32 region win over Loachapoka, at the Southeast Region tournament, in Montgomery.



Elba Lady Tiger Jaylyn Baker (1) gets inside position in last week's 38-32 region win over Loachapoka. Baker scored 7 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in the win.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Parker Weeks, age 9, of Kinston was named a co-captain for the Troy Trojans mens basketball team last Saturday, Feb. 15, and he delivered the game ball to the referee at center court for the start of the Trojans game. Parker is the son of Anthony & Kaliegh Weeks of Kinston.

## At sub-region

## Elba cages Lady Eagles 51-27

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back as they rolled to a big 51-27 win over the Pleasant Home Lady Eagles, last Monday night at a 1A sub-region game at Elba High.

Elba misfired on its first four three-pointers and was tied at 2-2 with 6:46 left in the opening quarter after a basket by Jaylyn Baker, but sparked by a 3-ponter by Melissa Williams went on a 7-0 run to grab a 9-2 lead with 3:52 remaining, and carried a 16-10 lead into the second stanza.

Nina Williams and Melissa Williams combined to drain three shots from behind the arc early in the second quarter as the Lady Tigers pushed their lead to 25-12 with 5:02 left in the stanza, and Elba took its biggest lead of the half at 30-14 with 1:56 left on the clock on a free throw by Breanna Sanders. Pleasant Home snuck back within 12 points late, but Lady Tigers Freeda Hooks hit a pair of free throws in the final minute to put Elba on top 32-18 at the half.

Elba used an aggressive defense to harass the Lady

Eagles early in the third quarter and behind the play of Nina Williams and Freeda Hooks went on an 11-0 run to open up a big 43-18 advantage with 2:54 left in the quarter. Pleasant Home scored its only points of the quarter with 2:15 left on the clock, on a basket by Daisy Cordle, but the Lady Tigers never eased up and after a last-second basket by Freeda Hooks carried a 46-20 lead into the final stanza.

Breanna Sanders nailed a long 3-pointer early in the fourth quarter. However, the stanza belonged to the Elba reserves as they limited the Lady eagles to only three points over the final six minutes and put the finishing touches on the impressive 51-27 win.

Nina Williams connected on five 3-pointers and scored 22 points to lead Elba, while Melissa Williams added three 3-pointers and scored 11 points. Daisy Cordle scored 15 points to lead Pleasant Home.

**Elba (51):** Baker 3, M. Williams 11, N. Williams 22, Sanders 6, Hooks 9.

**P. Home (27):** Hawkins 2, Gunter 2, Huckabaa 2, Bulger 6, Cordle 15.

## Baseball/Softball SCHEDULES

## Thursday, Feb. 20

(Baseball)  
New Brockton at Elba  
Kinston at Red Level  
Highland Home at Zion  
Chapel  
Floral at Brantley (DH)  
(Softball)  
New Brockton at Opp  
Kinston at Andalusia

Highland Home at Zion  
Chapel (JV)

## Friday, Feb. 21

(Baseball)  
Elba at Samson  
Goshen JV Tournament  
Brantley JV Tournament  
(Softball)  
Brantley JV Tournament

## Saturday, Feb. 22

(Baseball)  
Goshen JV Tournament  
Brantley JV Tournament  
(Softball)  
Brantley JV Tournament

## Monday, Feb. 24

(Baseball)  
Kinston JV at Elba JV  
Brantley at Goshen

(Softball)  
Floral at Elba

## Tuesday, Feb. 25

(Baseball)  
Pleasant Home at Kinston  
Opp at Brantley  
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(Softball)  
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SPORTS NEWS

BIRMINGHAM BOUND



Elba Lady Tiger Freeda Hooks dribbles inside for an easy basket. Hooks scored 5 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and handed out 6 assists in the Lady Tigers 49-40 region title win over Westminster.



**ELBA LADY TIGERS - SOUTHEAST REGION CHAMPIONS...** The Elba Lady Tigers show off the championship plaque after winning the Southeast Region Basketball Tournament, Monday in Montgomery. Thde win upped the Lady Tigers record to 23-7 and advanced them to next week's 'Final Four' event in Birmingham. Pictured above are (front row, l-r) Andrya Chism, Freeda Hooks, Undreya Chism, Celeste Edwards, Danaejah Flowers, (back row, l-r) Coach Shaun Hammonds, Melissa Williams, Yada Caldwell, Jaylyn Baker, Maggie Hammonds, Nina Williams, Breanna Sanders, Zhandria Siler, and Coach Patricia Jordan.

In region finals

Lady Tigers knock off Knights 49-40

Story by **Ricky Mularz**, Sports Editor  
(photos by BS Sports Photography)

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their historic run through the 2019-2002 high school basketball season Monday afternoon when they defeated the Westminster Lady Knights 49-40 in the championship game of the Southeast Region Tournament, at Garrett Coliseum, in Montgomery.

The Williams sisters – Melissa and Nina, both connected on three-pointers early in the opening quarter to put Elba on top 6-3, and when Nina Williams added a baseline jumper with 4:03 left in the quarter the Lady Tigers lead was up to 13-5. Elba, which led 15-9 after one quarter of action, hit 5 of 8 free throws in the quarter, while the Lady Knights failed to go to the line.

Elba remained in command early in the second quarter and led 20-13 after a three-pointer by Nina Williams, but while Westminster was 0-7 from behind the arc in the stanza, it did hit four straight free throws late and closed the half on a 6-2 run to chop the Lady Tigers lead to 24-21 at intermission.

The Elba defense put a halt to the Westminster offense in the third quarter as it held the Lady Knights scoreless for over seven minutes, and sparked by the play of Jaylyn Baker and Nina Williams, went on an 8-0 run to open up a 34-22 advantage.

The Lady Tigers carried a big 34-24 lead into the fourth quarter, but Westminster refused to throw in the towel as the Lady Knights scored eight straight points over a three minute span to pull within 39-35 with 3:54 left on the clock.

A free throw by Jaylyn Baker ended the Lady Tigers scoring drought; however, and Elba connected on 7 of 10 free throw opportunities over the next three minutes and pulled away to post the impressive 49-40 win to claim the region title and punch their ticket to the Final Four, next week in Birmingham.

Nina Williams scored 17 points to lead Elba, while Melissa Williams added 9 points and 6 rebounds, Jaylyn Baker and Breanna Sanders both added 8 points and 11 rebounds, and Freeda Hooks added 5 points, 10 rebounds and handed out 6 assists.

**Elba (49):** Baker 8, N. Williams 17, M. Williams 9, Sanders 8, Hooks 5, Edwards 2.

**W'Minster (40):** M. White 8, Welch 4, Gache 11, Metcalf 7, E. White 4, Cavan 6.



Elba Lady Tiger Breanna Sanders looks inside for a teammate in region championship action. Sanders scored 8 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the 49-40 win.



Elba Lady Tiger Nina Williams eyes a free throw in Monday's 49-40 region title win over Westminster. Williams scored 17 points to lead Elba to the win.



Elba Lady Tiger Jaylyn Baker eyes the basket after getting inside a Westminster defender. Baker earned region MVP honors after scoring 8 points and pulling down 11 rebounds in the region final win.



Elba Lady Tiger Melissa Williams muscles in for position in Monday's region title contest. Williams scored 9 point in the win.

AHSAA

Class 1A Girls Final Four

Monday, Feb. 24

Semifinals

9 a.m. – Elba (23-7) vs. Spring Garden (33-2)

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St. Luke's (24-4)

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